

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No 05-1044-B5; (EX04-044C-US))**

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| In the Application of: |) | |
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| Costa <i>et al.</i> |) | |
| |) | Examiner: Gebreyesus, Kagne H. |
| Serial No.: 10/556,937 |) | |
| |) | Group Art Unit: 1656 |
| Filing Date: October 31, 2006 |) | |
| |) | Confirmation No. 6980 |
| For: MARKs as Modifiers of the |) | |
| PTEN Pathway and Methods |) | |
| Of Use |) | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on February 1, 2010 in the above-mentioned application. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a three month extension of time and the appropriate fee. Applicants also submit a Request for Continued Examination and appropriate fee. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.